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SUBJECT: JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER IN JAKARTA

SADAAKI NUMATA WAS RECENTLY ASSIGNED TO JAKARTA AS FIRST SECRETARY IN POLITICAL SECTION. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR JAKARTA, NUMATA WAS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FONOFF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION. NUMATA, WHO STUDIED AT CHOATE IN THE US AND CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND, SERVED FREQUENTLY AS INTERPRETER FOR FORMER PM TANAKA, FORMER FONMIN CURRENTLY FINMIN OHIRA, AND PM MIKI. HE WAS HIGHLY REGARDED BY ALL. NUMATA IS VERY FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD THE US AND TO CLOSE US-JAPAN TIES. HE IS ALSO A CLOSE FRIEND OF SEVERAL EMBASSY OFFICERS. NUMATA IS A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE DIPLOMAT, DILIGENT, AND EXTREMELY COMPETENT, HEADED FOR THE VERY TOP OF JAPAN'S DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT. HE APPEARS SOMEWHAT STIFF BUT IN FACT IS VERY FRIENDLY WITH A GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR. HE ENJOYS PLAYING THE GUITAR AND SINGING FOLD SONGS. WE ARE CONFIDENT EMBASSY JAKARTA WOULD FIND NUMATA AN EXCELLENT CONTACT. NUMATA WAS MARRIED LAST YEAR AND HIS WIFE, KYOKO WILL FOLLOW HIM TO JAKARTA AFTER THE BIRTH OF A CHILD EXPECTED IN EARLY AUTUMN. MRS. NUMATA IS AN ACCOMPLISHED PIANIST, SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, AND IS GOOD COMPANY.

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